

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY OTIS  
BARBOUR**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Henry Otis Barbour, a long-time employee of Army Navy Country Club, who passed away suddenly on August 23, 1998. Otis, as all the members at the club affectionately called him, was the sixth of ten children born to the late Richard and Helen Barbour.

He was educated in the public school systems of Arlington County, Virginia and Washington D.C. When he was nine years old he began frequenting Army Navy Country Club retrieving golf balls in order to make a little spending money. He continued this practice until he was offered a permanent position at the club.

In every successful organization there are one or two individuals that directly contribute to its success; Otis was one of those special people. For forty-four years he mastered nearly all the support services of the golf course—from caddying, to maintaining the range, to servicing and maintaining more than 90 golf carts, to helping members understand the intricacies of the golf swing. Many have said that Otis knew more about the golf swing than all the golf professionals at Army Navy Country Club combined. When you arrived at the club, be it rain or shine, summer or winter you could always count on being greeted by a tip of the hat from Otis.

In the truest sense of the word—he was a gentleman—who generously shared what he had with all he encountered.

The members of Army Navy Country Club can consider themselves fortunate to have known Otis, and worse off for having lost him at such a young age.

To all his relatives I send my condolences. Otis you will be missed but never forgotten.

SPEECH GIVEN BY BEZALEL  
BRIAN BENSON FOR THE DIS-  
ABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I call your attention to the work of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA), Oakland Unit No. 7 with students in my community. We are particularly proud of the speech that twelve year old Bezalel Brian Benson delivered at the annual Americanism program held February 14, 1998. The inspiring quality of this speech moves me to share it with you.

Bez, as he is called, is an outstanding student at St. Joseph's Elementary School. He came to the attention of DAVA because of two essays which won first place in the DAVA State contests held in 1997 and 1998 entitled: "Why I Love America" and "What the Flag Means To Me." The following is the text of his speech of February 14th:

Good afternoon. To the California State Senior Vice Commander Donna Stennett,

junior State Commander Evonne Oden, Acting Commander of the Auxiliary for Unit #7 Pat Kinzel, Co-chairman Gloria Almodovar; Members of the Auxiliary and honored guests.

It is a blessing to be here this afternoon. It was an honor to win the overall contest of the district last year, and to win first place in the California State Disabled American Veterans Essay Contest. I was also blessed with receiving a personal letter from the President of the United States, President Bill Clinton, a flag flown over our nation's Capitol, and a letter of authenticity.

Over the last year, I have maintained my status as an "A" student, I was appointed to the journalism team at St. Joseph Elementary School, and again made it to the school's spelling bee finals. Because of God's blessings and freedom of our nation, these achievements were made possible.

At this time I would like to talk about why we should show appreciation through our actions for the war veteran's tremendous efforts.

After learning about the history of America throughout my life, I have realized just how much effort, courage, and bravery it took to make America a free country and a great one as well.

Over the years Americans have sacrificed for what they believed in. The 13 colonies in North America sacrificed by bravely rebelling against England and going through many hardships and conflicts. They did this for the cause of freedom. The war veterans, the government of the United States, and even U.S. citizens sacrificed during both World War I and World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and even the war on Bosnia. They did this because they believed in fighting for people's rights and the gift of freedom. Change often comes by sacrifice and that is what Americans have done.

After imaging how I would have felt participating in a war, I realized that times were pretty scary. It must have been hard having bullets whizzing past your head, and the ground shaking beneath your feet because of cannon fire. It must have been hard running on the battlefield, dodging bullets, with explosions all around you. It must have been hard living every day with the fear of death, and not knowing if you will ever see your families again.

Yet these war veterans who stood up to their country succeeded during these hardships because they had strength from God and a strong love for America.

When you have God in your life, and you love Him truly and honestly, and you call upon Him for guidance, you will have an inner strength that no person or thing can take away from you. A strength so powerful, that not even the fear of death can destroy it. I'm sure that these war veterans had strength from God and a strong love for America.

Because of the veterans' efforts in these wars, they helped America become one of the greatest countries on the face of the earth. Because of their love and sacrifice we live in a nation today that is governed by a fair and democratic government. Because of their efforts they helped protect not only the rights of Americans over the years, but the rights of other people throughout the world as well.

I believe that all Americans should show appreciation for the veterans' tremendous effort. We must realize that many people died for us! We must realize that someone lost an arm, or lost their legs for the sake of our freedom. So don't you think that we should do our part, and give something back to them, by helping to make America the best country it can be? Our veterans fought and died for America, so shouldn't we take care of the country they loved, and continue to

make it a better place for all of us? If we don't, we will literally ruin and destroy our country, and all the efforts of our war veterans will be wasted. One person cannot make America a great country. But if we all try to be the best Christians we can be, America will continue to be a wonderful nation.

If we do this, then the 12,000 Americans who died for us in World War II alone would have died to make America a great country and not for any reason at all. If we do this, then the men and women who died for our freedom, the men that lost their limbs, the families whose men and women became widows, the children who would never see their parents again will know that they fought for a worthy cause. If we do this, America, will continue to be a great nation, and the war veterans' efforts will not be wasted.

As Americans we must follow the example of the war veterans. In our everyday lives, we must show bravery, courage, and effort through our actions, whether it is in the work force, taking care of a child, or trying to make people's lives better through science and technology. We must take care of the standards of living that the war veterans helped to give us.

If all the people in this diverse culture act in a superb manner everyday, then our country will be superb as well. That is why I would like to be the very best person I can be. I would like to follow the example of the war veterans, and give something back to these courageous fighters.

I and many other youth my age will try to do our best to continue to carry the torch for freedom. We should and we will have God as the guidance of our lives as we try to lead the United States into the 21st century.

With God as my leader, I will try to walk on the roads of life with the Holy Spirit as my light and I will try to use the lessons that the war veterans have taught me to overcome life's obstacles and challenges. The war veterans have made a tremendous impact on all our lives, and all of us as Americans must continue to carry the touch of freedom.

I would like to thank you for inviting me here today, and I praise the Lord for allowing me to live in a country I love, the United States of America.

OPEN COMPETITION FOR THE U.S.  
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNI-  
CATIONS INDUSTRY**HON. PHILIP M. CRANE**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, as chairman of the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, and my distinguished colleague and ranking member of the Subcommittee, ROBERT MATSUI, I rise today to inform my colleagues of a critically important telecommunications trade issue. While companies from around the world are busy developing innovative new wireless telecommunications devices, potentially serious roadblocks to the free trade of these products are being erected in the form of exclusionary standards.

The European Union (EU) is on the verge of adopting legislation that would mandate the use of exclusionary third generation wireless standards incompatible with existing American-developed telecommunications equipment and systems. If this measure were adopted, all other technologies, specifically American-developed technology, would be blocked from competing in Europe as a matter of law.